

REMARKS

Claims 24-40 are currently allowed. Applicants thank the Examiner for the allowance of the pending claims 24-40.

Applicants respectfully submit that the specification as amended only contains subject matter from the original specification which is hereby filed before the payment of the issue fee. If the Examiner has any questions or comments or otherwise feels it would be helpful, he is encouraged to telephone the undersigned at (972) 731-2288.

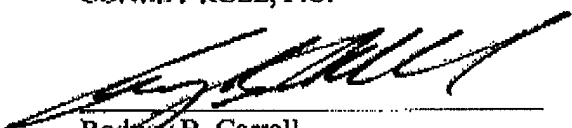
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REPLACEMENT ABSTRACT

A process for recovering DCPD from a hydrocarbon feedstock comprising introducing the hydrocarbon feedstock to a first column, recovering an overhead stream from the first column comprising C_9 - hydrocarbons, recovering a bottom stream from the first column comprising C_{10+} hydrocarbons, feeding the bottom stream from the first column to a second column, recovering an overhead stream from the second column comprising DCPD, and recovering a bottom stream from the second column comprising fuel oil, wherein the two columns are sized and operated at defined conditions such as pressures, temperatures, reflux rates, and reboil rates.